GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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CONCESSION TO TEXTILE INDUSTRY
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the meeting of the Labour, Textiles and Finance Ministries the representatives of the textile industry have urged the Government for liberal labour laws, removal of import curbs and phasing out of the multi-fibre agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the Government have considered their views;

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(e) the other concessions being provided to the textiles mills in the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (e) There has been no formal joint meeting of Labour, Textile and Finance Ministries with representatives of textile industry on these issues. However, the exporters do raise export related problems including need for removal of import curbs and creation of a labour productive environment for investment and growth at various fora from time to time. Majority of Quantitative restrictions for investment have already been phased out. The Multi-fibre Agreement, governing quota regime would be phased out by 1st January 2005, as agreed under Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.